

**IN THE CLAIMS**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

**LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

1. (Currently Amended) A cosmetic applicator, comprising:  
a brush (7) consisting of a ~~plurality~~ plurality of bristles (8);  
a fixing portion (6) with a hole (5) formed at one end of the fixing portion so that the brush (7) is inserted into the hole; and  
a rod (4) coupled to the fixing portion (6) to support the fixing portion (6),  
wherein the fixing portion (6) is rectangular-shaped and is made of a plastic material ~~and formed to be flat through a pressing process~~, thereby securing the brush (7) inserted into the hole (5) in a ~~flattened~~ rectangular shape, and wherein the brush is not distorted when the brush is inserted into the fixing portion a container containing cosmetics.
2. (Previously Presented) The cosmetic applicator as claimed in claim 1, wherein the rod (4) is made of plastic synthetic resin, and the fixing portion (6) is formed integrally with the rod (4).